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Bulldog Brigade deploys to CENTCOM

By William Biles
Staff Writer

The Fort Riley community grew a little smaller this week as it said goodbye to the remaining elements of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team.

The soldiers weighed in, manifested and received their remaining medical shots at Craig Gym before they boarded a bus to take them to the awaiting plane.

Although the soldiers were deploying, their spirits were high because the waiting had finally come to an end.

"My feelings about this deployment are great," said Col. Russell Gold, commander, 3rd Brigade Combat Team. "We all want to get over there, and more importantly, we want to get over there with the other three battalions who have been there the last couple of months and get back together as a brigade combat team."

The 3rd BCT commander wasn't the only one looking forward to the deployment.

"I'm glad to be finally going and wish I could have got there earlier and could have been part of the fight," said 1st Lt. Britton Crafton, Company B, 70th Engineer Battalion.

Capt. Tony Mancari, S4, 70th Eng. Bn., said, "It's been a long time coming, in anticipation, with the soldiers and the officers. It's been a waiting game, and now it feels good to be able to step up to the plate and do what is needed of us."

In general, the feelings about the deployment were the same at all levels of enlist-

ment.

"It's a relief to finally get going and be able to get it over with," said Staff Sgt. John Alton, Company B, 70th Eng. Bn.

While Pvt. Joe Duarte, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, said, "It's exciting. I will get to experience new things and be able to see what's out there, and be able to help my brothers out who are over there now."

Gold said the brigade is ready for their mission, and his only regret is that the units were split up for the deployment.

This BCT has been doing exceptionally well in training. They are all hungry and want to get over there," said Gold. "You can tell that by their attitude and level of motivation. It's a shame that this brigade, with all of its training, wasn't able to go as an entire brigade from the beginning."

Even though the bulk of the battle has passed, there are still expectations of the team's future missions.

"We all want to be part of the action, but I think there will still be a lot left to do," said Gold. "I'm almost at the point where I think it's a little more dangerous, going from a linear fight, down to a symmetrical. There are a lot of unknowns, but either way we are looking forward to it."

Some of the soldiers are seasoned, since they just returned from Kuwait in October, and have, what could be considered, an advantage.

"Our company has been there before, at least in Kuwait, so we've been in theater and

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Soldiers honored

Kansas State University and Head Football Coach Bill Snyder paid tribute to the U.S. Army, Fort Riley and its families April 26 during the football team's annual spring scrimmage.

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Soldiers undergo health evaluations

By Gerry J. Gilmore

American Forces Press

Thousands of active duty and reserve U.S. servicemembers deployed overseas for Operation Iraqi Freedom will undergo an enhanced post-deployment health assessment process.

The new health evaluation process was approved mid-April and is being implemented now to provide added safeguards for the health of deployed servicemembers. Dr. William Winkenwerder, assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, told Pentagon reporters April 29.

The process has been enhanced in several ways, Winkenwerder pointed out, and it applies to all military who have served or are serving in the Iraqi Freedom theater.

First, he said, a new post-deployment health assessment form asks more questions about a servicemember's physical and mental health than earlier versions and adds queries about possible health-threatening occupational or environmental exposures during deployment.

Secondly, Winkenwerder continued, each service member is

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1st Lt. Britton Crafton, Company B, 70th Eng. Bn., reviews the Soldier's Reference Guide to the Republic of Iraq during manifest Monday at Craig Fitness Center.

Post/Biles

Engineers prepare for deployment, practice demolition skills

By William Biles
Staff Writer

Combat engineers from the 70th Engineer Battalion were in the field last week conducting live fire exercises in preparation for their deployment to the Central Command area of responsibility.

The exercise was designed to give the soldiers a hands-on feel for the materials they would use during a battle.

"Today's event is to let the newer soldiers become more familiar with demolitions and to also let the seasoned veterans get a feel for the new MDI (Modernized

Demolition Initiators) systems we'll be using in the future," said Capt. Patrick Crusier, commander, Company B, 70th Engineer Battalion. This training event will give everybody out here some hands-on training."

During the demolition portion of the training, soldiers were refreshed on the ways to prime different types of explosives for specific missions, at combat speed.

"This training is critical for our survival, because we don't know how much time we'll have once we get on the ground over there, before we receive a follow-on order," said Crusier.

The training was important for the leaders, as well as the soldiers. "It's important to do this prior to us leaving so our leaders will have confidence in their soldiers' ability, as well as the soldiers gaining confidence in their ability to accomplish their tasks," he said.

The soldiers were able to gain that confidence through working with the live demo as opposed to training with inert training aids.

"The benefit they get with the hands-on training, with live explosives rather than the inert aids, is that they know what it looks like. They will get to see what type of signature it will make on the

ground, and it gives them the confidence they need to have to be able to work with it," said Crusier. "They'll know they are able to hook up the MDI and see that it's done correctly when they detonate it."

Some of the different charges the engineers used were shape charges, crater charges and Bangalore torpedoes.

First, the soldiers prepped the shape charges by priming them down range with a time fuse.

The shape charges are used to make a hole in the ground, in which the crater charge will be placed, said Crusier.

"When the crater charge is placed in a hole of the right depth, caused by the

shape charge, it will create a decent sized crater in the ground for counter mobility against the enemy," he said.

The soldiers placed their crater charges in the holes after they had primed them with blocks of C4 explosive. Again they initiated the blast using time fuse.

After they detonated the crater charge, they unpacked the Bangalores from the crates they were in and carried them down range to where the pits were gouged into the earth by the crater charges. Once there, they were instructed on how

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Musser bids farewell to post, hopes to return

By Jamie Bender
Staff writer

A departure ceremony was held April 25 for Col. John Musser, Chief of Staff, 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) and Fort Riley, at King Field House.

Musser will be leaving Fort Riley to become the Joint Requirements Division Chief on the Army G8 staff in the Pentagon.

Col. John Musser

Originally scheduled to be held at Cavalry Parade Field, the decision was made at the last minute to move the ceremony inside due to inclement weather. In spite of the last minute change, the ceremony began on time at 9 a.m.

The ceremony began with the presentation of awards to Musser and his wife, Marilyn.

Musser was awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptional meritorious service while serving as the brigade commander, 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division and as the Chief of Staff, 24th Inf. Div. and Fort Riley. Mrs. Musser received the Department of the Army Outstanding Civilian Service Award for her volunteer work at Fort Riley and in the surrounding communities.

Brig. Gen. Frank Helmick, commanding general, 24th Inf. Div. and Fort Riley, spoke about

Musser and his wife.

Marilyn was very active in the Fort Riley community," said Helmick.

"She confidently assisted other organizations, not out front, but behind the scenes. She gave more than her share, all the time," Helmick went on to talk about Musser and his contributions to Fort Riley.

"He has performed his job with distinction... All the decisions he was involved in, all the support he gave to the units, all the guidance he gave to all the commanding generals he worked for will have a long lasting impact on [Fort Riley soldiers]. They are trained, equipped and prepared to fight our country's next conflict."

Musser first thanked everyone for attending and then spoke about his history at Fort Riley.

"I have been very privileged to

have served at Fort Riley many more times than should be allowed," he said. "I told my wife that we would never get stationed at Fort Riley because it was too close to home, and they never station you close to home."

Musser then spoke about what he felt makes Fort Riley great.

"What makes Fort Riley the best is the people," he said. "Our soldiers are absolutely wonderful, our leaders are the best I have ever seen and our civilian workforce is truly the backbone of Fort Riley."

While Musser is leaving Fort Riley for the Pentagon, he said he would like to return.

"It's been a great ride, and I'll sincerely miss all of you. We won't say goodbye. We would like to put our name on one more house at Fort Riley."

Task Force 2-34 trains in Korea

By Sheryl Lawry

19th Theater Support Command, PAO

The 19th Theater Support Command's U.S. Army Materiel Support Center - Korea and the 6th Ordnance Battalion were critical players during the U.S. Army Preposition Site - 4 equipment draw during this year's Reception, Staging, Onward Movement and Integration Exercise.

Soldiers assigned to Fort Riley's 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment and 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment companies together form TF 2-34, an Army rapid deployment unit.

They deployed to the Republic of Korea to participate in the RSO&I training exercise and draw equipment and supplies from the APS-4 site, move north by rail, participate in live-fire training and return to Camp Carroll to place the equipment back into storage.

What is unique about TF 2-34, is they rely solely on the 6th Ord. Bn. and MSC-K for their equipment and basic load of ammunition and for getting their equipment loaded onto railcars and onward movement to their place in the battlefield.

"We don't bring equipment with us like everyone else does," said 1st Lt. Claude Cole, 1st Bn., 16th Inf., who uses M2A2 Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicles. "We hit the ground running." MSC-K stores and maintains the Pre-positioned Site - 4's equipment, such as tanks, infantry fighting vehicles, howitzers and support vehicles, but the Combat Equipment Battalion-Northeast keep full accountability of the equipment. The 6th Ord. Bn. provides ammunition support.

The extent of the equipment draw for this exercise was extensive, said Stephen Smith, USAMSC-K Directorate for Support Operations, APS-4 brigade set planner.

Many vehicles were drawn, including Abrams M1A1 Main Battle Tanks, M2A2 BIFVs, M109A6 Paladin Self-Propelled Howitzers and other support vehicles, Smith said. "This was,

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Fort Riley economic impact statement released

By Emily O'Connor
Staff Writer

Fort Riley's economic impact on Kansas was more than \$688 million, from Oct. 1, 2001 to Sept. 30, 2002, according to the latest Economic Impact Report released by the installation's Directorate of Resource Management.

The report is a compilation of data that generalizes the contributions Fort Riley makes to local

communities and to the state.

In addition to providing information about the monetary impact, the report provides population data, infrastructure information and details about the post's Recycling Center, fish and wildlife program and the quality of life at Fort Riley.

"We have tried to show what Fort Riley means, not just to Geary and Riley Counties and the local communities, but to the state

of Kansas and the country," said Doug Teener, management analyst, Directorate of Resource Management.

Teener said that Fort Riley is Kansas's fourth largest employer, following the State of Kansas, Sprint and Boeing and is the state's largest federal employer.

Teener said that when you talk about the nearly \$700 million direct feed into the local and state economies, that does not account

for the multiplying affects that the money carries into the communities.

"The military personnel and civilians at Fort Riley go out into the communities and spend their money there," he said.

Additionally, Teener said the state receives revenue from sales taxes on items purchased by Fort Riley soldiers and their family members.

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Soldiers practice land navigation skills

By Michael Watson
Staff writer

A map and compass can be a soldier's best friend. In the field, those tools are often the only things soldiers have to get them from point A to point B, said Sgt. Brian Welsh, 295th Ordnance Company. "If soldiers know how to read a topographic map and a compass, they would be able to look at the land around them, find their location and plot the course to their destination," he said. He said it is something all soldiers should know how to do. "Basic land navigation skills would be very useful if a unit is off course, broken down or ambushed," Welsh said. He said there are many reasons why soldiers should know navigation skills, so he said he was glad his Reserve unit practices those skills at training areas. It gave the soldiers a chance to make mistakes they could learn from before needing to be close to perfect in a

combat situation, he said. "In our first attempt to set a course toward our first marker, we were 600 meters off because of the known points we used to determine our location," he said. "That is pretty serious, because if we were calling in artillery, we would be off and the artillery could come in on top of us." After looking at the map again, the team plotted its new course that led them right to the marker. Pfc. Kadriya Truvillion, 295th Ord. Co., said the experience was intense, as she tromped through thick brush to lead the six-person team. "I feel like I have a lot of pressure on me," she said. "I don't want to let me team down, so I just wanted to do the best job I could and get us to where we needed to be." On the way to its second point, the team noticed it was getting off course. The team got to the point where they had to scratch their heads and look at the terrain around them.

"There is no sign that we are on the correct path," Welsh said. "We were pretty much lost when we got out of that thick brush, so we had to reorient ourselves with the map. The only thing we really know for sure is, if we reach the trailer park, we've gone too far." "We just have to keep our faith in our training and hope that our direction is good. Hopefully we will be able to find something on the map soon that will get us oriented to see if we are close to our destination," he said. Welsh said the team did fairly well, but they would need to go back to the training area another time for more practice to make sure all members could read a map and compass well enough to find their destination when it really matters. The unit has been at Fort Riley training for two months, and Spc. Cordelia Johns, 295th Ord. Co., has done a lot of activities, like land navigation, to prepare for deployment to the Central Command area of responsibility.

"We have trained really well as a company, and we can count on one another," she said. "I definitely feel confident that if we needed to use these skills, we would be able to find our destination. Things would be harder in the desert though, because the only thing you might be able to see for orientation is sand dunes. But, to read the map, you still only need two points, and I feel confident that our team would be able to read the map and find our destination." Welsh said there are times in the field that soldiers will have to make judgments, because they do not always know exactly where they are. But practice like this will make sure they are 100 percent ready to navigate if the need arises. The most important thing is that the soldiers work as a team during the preparation stages before they are called for deployment. "Today, everyone worked as a team, so it was a successful mission," Welsh said.

Grunt By Wayne Udden



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to properly prime the torpedoes. Using the proper technique is important when considering the role the explosive has on the battlefield. "The Bangalore explosive is used on the battlefield in a breach type of environment, where it is necessary to breach wire obstacles to allow a follow on force to advance toward the objective," said Crusier. Through the training, the command will benefit by being able to gauge the effectiveness of its leaders in the field. "It's really important to see what their (the noncommissioned

officers) thought process is; how they prep their soldiers prior to a mission, and what type of leadership skills they will use," said Crusier. "I also get to see what the leaders' competence and confidence level is in demolitions," he said. Some of the newer soldiers, who haven't handled live explosives yet, felt a little nervous on the way to the range, but quickly settled down once they got to handle it, said Staff Sgt. John Alton, squad leader, Company B, 70th Eng. Bn. "Once they had their hands on the demo, and realized they were in control of it, the (nervousness)

they had was released," he said. The training had importance with the unit's possible upcoming deployment. "Now the soldiers have a better idea of what they will be doing once we get into the theater. And as the training progresses, they will have a greater understanding of their jobs and will be able to apply that knowledge in a real world situation," Alton said.

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Training continues in rain, mud

By Jamie Bender
Staff writer

Soldiers of 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery waded through muck and mire while achieving certification in platoon collective tasks during live fire operations last week.

Prior to the platoon training, the soldiers went through section certification, and this week the entire battalion trained together.

"We have a maneuver scenario

where the platoons are moving across the battlefield receiving calls for fire," said Maj. Kirk Sessin, battalion executive officer. "They respond to calls by delivering fire support."

More than just a live fire exercise for certification, the soldiers also had other things to deal with.

"They also have to pull security, because we have enemy forces and civilians and terrorists on the battlefield," explained Sessin. "My commander wanted to

emphasize some of the recent lessons learned in Operation Iraqi Freedom."

The M109A6 Paladins left behind muddy ruts filled with water as they moved across the battlefield.

"In the last 24 hours, we had four or five inches of rain," said Sessin. "It has slowed operations down and it has caused some maintenance issues and a lot of recovery issues but nothing we can't overcome."



Post/Bender

A Paladin moves across a field during training. Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 5th Artillery executed platoon collective certification tasks during this live fire operation.

General inspects troops, equipment

By William Biles
Staff writer

Air Force Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart, commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command, and commander, U.S. Northern Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., visited Fort Riley Wednesday to inspect the Quick Reaction Force.

The inspection took place at the manifest site, Craig Fitness Center, where Eberhart had the chance to view the type of QRF assets available to him if he needed to deploy them. On hand were soldiers from Company C, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, who went through the manifest, while other soldiers laid out their equipment for inspection.

Eberhart commended the soldiers on the role they have as homeland defenders and said he hopes there will never be a reason to call them into action.



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Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart, commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command and commander, U.S. Northern Command, inspects Quick Reaction Force soldiers' equipment during his visit to Fort Riley.

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Talk Around Town

"What historic sites have you visited on Fort Riley?"



"I have visited the Custer House Museum."

Spec. Daniel R. Collins
234th Signal Battalion



"I visited the Cavalry Museum, Custer House Museum and the Territorial Capitol."

Pfc. Cathy Itoney
Detachment D,
15th Personnel Services
Battalion



"I haven't visited any historical sites, but I would enjoy seeing the First Territorial Capitol."

Sgt. Linette A. Booth
Detachment D,
15th Personnel Services
Battalion

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knows what the climate is like, what the land looks like, along with a lot of the simple lessons learned that will give us an advantage compared to the units who are in country for the first time," said Crafton.

Though the soldiers were looking forward to their deployment, there were still concerns among them.

"The hardest part about deploying is leaving my wife, who is six months pregnant. And, come late July, I'm sure it

will be real hard on me," Crafton said.

However, steps are taken to ensure the spouses of the soldiers deployed will be in good hands.

"The Army takes care of the soldier's families while they are away," said Mancari.

"The Army really goes out of its way in minimizing the stresses and the impact each family has to endure while their spouses are deployed."

The commander agrees.

"We have a great FRG (Family Readiness Group) program to help family members. It's just that the family members have to step up and ask for the help when they need it," said Gold.

With the soldiers knowing their families are taken care of, it helps them to stay focused on the job at hand.

"One aspect of the Army is that you (soldiers) need to be flexible, and this brigade combat team is able to do any mission at any time," Gold said.

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Soldiers, families honored



Brig. Gen. Frank Helmick, commanding general, 24th Infantry Division and Fort Riley, poses with Willie the Wildcat, the K-State mascot.



Former Prisoner of War Pfc. Patrick Miller waves to the crowd during Fort Riley Day at the Kansas State Wildcats' spring scrimmage.



The Kansas State Wildcats take to the field for their spring scrimmage. The purple jerseys won the game.



at K-State spring scrimmage



he crowd as he enters Wagner Field on Saturday scrimmage.



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Sgt. Jacob Butler was honored Saturday. His mother, Cindy, twin brother, Joe, and father, Jim, accepted items from Kansas State during the halftime activities.

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K-State thanks soldiers for patriotism, duty

By Michael Watson
Staff writer

Kansas State University and Head Football Coach Bill Snyder paid tribute to the U.S. Army, Fort Riley and its families April 26, during the football team's annual spring scrimmage.

Before the game kicked-off, the crowd of more than 12,000 cheered as former Prisoner of War Pfc. Patrick Miller first stepped out of an Army humvee onto the football field and presented the game ball to the five K-State team captains.

It was one of his first public appearances since his return on April 13.

"Seeing him step out of the vehicle and wave to the crowd was very powerful," said Capt. Ben Cleghorn, one of more than 12,000 people in attendance.

"When he stepped out of that vehicle and waved to the crowd, I teared up and was on my feet cheering. It was just so good to see him home safe, and hearing these Americans chanting U-S-A makes you feel real good."

But Miller was not the only American honored at the event. Fans cheered as Jim and Cindy Butler, parents of Sgt. Jacob Butler, and Miller were recognized at halftime. Coach Bill Snyder asked the crowd to be silent while Taps was played for Butler, Spc. Larry Brown and other American soldiers who gave their lives for freedom.

Then, the microphone was given to Miller at center field.

"I would just like to thank everyone for all the support they have given me," he said. "But don't forget about everyone who is still over

there fighting, and everybody who gave their lives for what we have. This is why we live in the greatest country in the world."

The Butler family and Miller received autographed footballs and a plaque.

"What an amazing group of people to do what they do and have done to make the sacrifices, to have the discipline, they are very special to us," said Snyder, during his comments at the ceremony. "I'm pleased in our own small way that we had an opportunity to recognize and display our affection and respect for what all of them have done and have gone through."

Representing the Fort Riley community, Brig. Gen. Frank Helmick, commanding general, 24th Infantry Division and Fort Riley said not only was this the beginning of a new season for K-State football but the beginning of a new era for the people of Iraq.

"What a tremendous honor it is to be here today, representing the soldiers of Fort Riley and the families of those soldiers who are currently deployed in Operation Iraqi Freedom," said Helmick. "As we start a new season here, in Kansas State football in Manhattan, Kan., so do the families in Iraq. They too are starting a new season, based on large measure by the support, dedication and execution of the soldiers, families and the great supporters of our Army here at Fort Riley. Again, thanks coach, for taking your time and the time of all the K-State program to honor our soldiers here today."

Pfc. Ben Chambers, 734th Motor Transportation Battalion, was one of approximately 30 soldiers who went on the field for a special halftime recognition and said appreciated the recognition soldiers received.

"This event makes it a lot more real," Cham-

bers said. "We are going out on the field to honor those who have gone before us. In a sense, I feel like I don't deserve to be out there. But it is still one of those moments that make you feel thankful you joined the Army. They talk about being proud of your uniform, but you don't really realize it until you go out in public."

Jim Butler said it gave him goose bumps and he was teary-eyed and choked up during the ceremony, especially when watching a picture slideshow of American troops on the jumbotron, to the beat of "Proud to be an American."

He said that the song really made a statement, and it brought back a lot of the thoughts about the things that have happened to his family. One of the hardest thoughts was of a letter he received from his son last Friday, 26 days after he was killed in action.

"Jake's last letter home said he never thought he would be a part of history, and it had a P.S. - Don't worry about me. I will be alright," Jim said. "It was a very hard moment, reading the letter. But it is one of those letters that you will keep close to your heart forever."

Jim said his son stood for freedom, and he said he hopes that the world does not forget what the soldiers are doing, and that Americans do not forget them when they return home.

At the post-game press conference, Coach Snyder said he really appreciated the way that K-State fans supported the troops at Fort Riley. It was an honor to have soldiers and their families at the game for Fort Riley Day.

"It makes you proud to be an American, and it takes your breath away," he said. "If it didn't, something is wrong."



Post/Biles

Purple jersey players tackle a white jersey player during the Wildcats' spring scrimmage game.



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Briefs

Yellow Ribbon Ceremony

There will be a Yellow Ribbon Ceremony today, 5 p.m., along with Retreat, in front of building 500. There will be yellow ribbon ornaments hung in the big tree on Ware Parade. There will also be remarks honoring Fort Riley soldiers and their families. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Retreat Set for Spouses

The Command Chaplain's Office is sponsoring a one day retreat for families of deployed soldiers. The retreat will be held May 31, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., at Morris Hill Chapel. Barbara Bartocci, an inspirational speaker and author, will lead the conference, titled "Finding strength for difficult and unexpected times." The retreat

will focus on helping spouses to find the strength to handle whatever may come into their lives. The conference is free, and childcare and lunch will be provided. Participants must pre-register by May 19. Contact Don Ericson at 239-0979 or don.ericson@rileyarmy.mil for more information.

Country Stampede Volunteers Needed

The Country Stampede is coming to Manhattan once again this June. The country music festival is a full weekend event featuring artists like Hank Williams, Jr., Kenny Chesney, Deanna Carter and many others. The event is being held at Tuttle Creek State Park June 25 and 28. Volunteers are needed to work at the event. The Stampede volunteer staff is required to work five to six hour days, June 26-28. Volunteers will receive free

admission for all four days of the festival, seating alongside the VIP area, a T-shirt and three meals per day, said Mick McCallister, the point of contact for the volunteers.

In past years, McCallister said about 50 percent of volunteers were soldiers and their spouses. This year he said he is opening up more positions for military spouses. "That's the least we can do for the sacrifices they must endure," said McCallister. For more information or to volunteer, contact McCallister, mccallim@riley.army.mil or 239-2727.

Celebration Planned

Fort Riley will be celebrating Asian Pacific-American Heritage Month during May. The theme for this year's celebration is "Salute to Liberty." The Equal Opportunity Office will sponsor a free program May 14, 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m., at

Barlow Theater to celebrate the contributions and accomplishments of Asian Pacific-Americans. The event is open to all soldiers, family members and civilian employees.

For more information, call the Fort Riley Equal Opportunity Office, 239-2277 or 239-2928.

CYS Openings

The Fort Riley CYS Child Development Center has openings for the full day program for children ages 12-18 months and 16-24 months. Contact Child and Youth Services Central Enrollment Registry, 239-4847, for more information.

Spring Clean-out Day for Safes

AR 380-5 reminds all S2s and security managers that spring is the time for cleanout of all security

containers. This is a perfect time to review all your classified holdings and destroy non-mission essential documents.

Remember, only DoD approved shredders can be used. The maximum size a shredding can be is 1/32nd " X 1/2". If you have any questions, contact the Director of Security, 239-3607.

Security Badges

The old style security badges for access to post headquarters, building 500, will expire June 30. The new PVC badges are now being issued by the Director of Security, top floor, building 509. Military and Department of the Army civilian personnel with a designated need for access to building 500 may obtain their new badge Monday - Friday, 9 - 11:30 a.m.

For more information, contact Pete Paras, DSEC, 239-3607.

Thrift Shop

It is Spring cleaning time and the Fort Riley Thrift Shop wants to help you clear out your clutter! Don't wait for the yard sale! Call the Thrift Shop to come and pick up your donations (in good condition). Visit the Thrift Shop in building 267, Stuart Ave., 784-3874. Hours of operation are 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month. Bag Sales are every Wednesday and Thursday. Get as much as you can in a bag for only \$1!

The Shoppe

The Shoppe has some wonderful volunteer opportunities. Thank you for all of your support at the Spring Bazaar. The Shoppe is located in building 259, Stuart Ave., 239-2783. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Tuesday - Saturday.

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"The fact that so many people live here is significant," said Teener. "This is their home; they pay rent or buy houses, they pay electric and gas bills and pay taxes. They buy boats, cars and sport utility vehicles, too."

Since last year's report, Fort Riley has increased the amount of money it puts into the Kansas economy.

The total payroll was \$580,890,888. This is an increase of more than \$83,000,000 from the previous year.

Military pay totaled \$331,055,898. Department of the Army Civilian pay added up to \$69,868,650. Non-appropriated Fund civilian pay reached

\$4,597,841 and other civilian pay totaled \$30,970,871. Army retirees received \$144,397,628.

This year Fort Riley spent \$18,322,144 on construction, \$44,751,626 on supplies, services and contracts, \$11,321,941 on education and \$23,115 in Combined Federal Campaign contributions. Spending in these and other categories increased \$73,807,284 since the previous year. The largest increase occurred in the payroll category, which includes military pay, Department of the Army Civilian pay, Non-Appropriated Fund civilian pay, other civilian pay

and Army retirees. The population of Fort Riley is also on the rise. Nearly 46,000 people make up the Fort Riley community. The number of military retirees living near Fort Riley is 19,374.

The actual military population of Fort Riley has increased by approximately 360. However, the number of family members living on post has decreased by 100 people.

Teener said that Fort Riley is not immune from the possibility of problems to include deployments and base realignments, issues that some people worry

about. Fort Riley survived one of these challenges in the 1960s when the 1st Infantry Division left for Vietnam. The population was lowered dramatically. Teener, who lived in Junction City at the time, remembered the effects.

"When the 1st Infantry Division left for Vietnam, everyone went. Junction City was devastated," Teener said. "But then the 9th Infantry Division came in and was activated here, which helped. When they left for Vietnam, the surrounding communities felt the pinch once again."

But it wasn't just the loss of the sol-

diers that transformed the local communities. Many of the soldier's families moved back to their hometowns, which meant that the local communities and Kansas lost all of this economic support.

"When something like that happens, you will have a major, major effect on the local economy," Teener said.

But during Operation Iraqi Freedom, not as many families are leaving the Fort Riley area. Teener said that even with a large number of Fort Riley soldiers deployed now, communities are not suffering in the way that they did in Vietnam.

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Korea 50 years ago -- U.N. bombs north as truce talks continue

By Jim Caldwell
Army News Service

U.N. planes conducted several bombing raids into North Korea as truce talks continued, 50 years ago this week in Korea.

May 1, 1953 — Allied aircrews stage a large raid on Pyongyang. The Air Force announces that during April allied airmen had shot down at least 26 MiG-15s in dogfights against two allied losses.

The U.N. Command charges the Reds with not returning 375 disabled allied servicemen who were eligible for the exchange. Allied prisoners have identified that many who should have been returned with the other sick and wounded captives during Operation Little Switch. The command asks that the men be returned.

May 1-7 — No headway is made at the truce talks May 1, but

the next day North Korean Lt. Gen. Nam Il, communist team chief, gives the U.N. team a list of countries he says are neutral. One can be chosen to take responsibility for the Chinese and North Koreans who do not want to be repatriated.

The countries are India, Burma, Indonesia and Pakistan.

Nam tries to persuade the U.N. negotiators to accept sending the prisoners from South Korea to a neutral country. That's quickly refused.

The talks recess so the U.N. team can confer with superiors about their choice. Although American leaders preferred Switzerland or Sweden, they are satisfied with Pakistan. Lt. Gen. William K. Harrison, senior U.N. negotiator, informs the communists May 5 that Pakistan is acceptable.

It takes until May 7 before the

Reds are convinced the U.N. negotiators will discuss nothing else until the neutral nation is agreed upon. They offer a new eight-point plan that contained some concessions.

The time in which the Reds will talk to the prisoners who don't want to go home is decreased from six to four months.

Instead of a single neutral nation, they propose a five-member neutral nations Repatriation Commission, including Poland, Czechoslovakia, Switzerland, Sweden and India. Each of the countries would provide an equal number of troops to guard the nonrepatriates in South Korea.

The communists cling to a six-month period in which a special commission would decide what to do with the prisoners who still rejected repatriation.

The new plan is forwarded to President Dwight Eisenhower so he and his advisors can discuss it.

May 2 — British authorities announce that all of their returned captives would be discharged. They believe the soldiers will recover more quickly from any Red indoctrination in a home environment rather than in military medical facilities.

After about 950 North Korean and Chinese prisoners are

released at Panmunjom, they stage an anti-American demonstration — ripping their clothes and screaming curses.

May 2-5 — Allied planes attack enemy supply centers near the front May 2 and 4, and supply centers in northeastern North Korea May 5.

May 3 — British and Canadian troops northeast of Panmunjom repel attacks by 1,000 Chinese.

An unattributed report says that Lt. Gen. Glenn O. Barcus, 49, Fifth Air Force commander, has flown several combat missions in an F-86. It's said that he taunted communist fighters over his radio.

The United Nations turns over the last of its prisoners covered by the exchange.

At Valley Forge Army Hospital, Phoenixville, Pa., 10 Americans who were thought to have been "brainwashed" by the communists deny having been affected by enemy indoctrination. They

say they are "insulted" by the suggestion.

South Korean President Syngman Rhee announces again that he will not accept any peace that leaves Korea divided. South Korea will fight on alone to keep that from happening, he says. ROK government officials, before the May 7 developments at Panmunjom, said that no Korean prisoners held by the United Nations will be transferred from South Korea to a neutral country.

May 4 — Red China announces that the Soviet Union worked with North Korea to free seven American civilians held since 1950. Six of them are missionaries and one is a businessman. They will be flown to Russia first and then back to the United States.

Fort Riley continues to be a Korean War Commemorative Community through 2003.



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without a doubt, the most complex draw to date. And, to date, the most complex operation with the APS-4 stocks at Camp Carroll ever."

The TF 2-34 arrives with minimal gear, explained Maj. Kristine Nakutis, 6th Ord. Bn. support operations officer at Camp Carroll. "All of their equipment and supplies are housed here."

During the uploading of TF 2-34, Nakutis supervised as her team ensured all the ammunition was properly distributed.

Nakutis explained the two loading points her team set up. One was for the M2A2 BIFVs, and the other for the M1A1 Abrams Main Battle Tanks. The M2A2 BIFV uploaded anti-tank TOW missiles (INERT) and 25-millimeter M2A2 BIFV main gun munitions (INERT). The M1A1 tanks were uploaded with 120 millimeter Sabot rounds (INERT), and other munitions.

Safety was at the forefront of this three-day operation.

"Normally, we just load up trucks that transport the ammo to the various units," Nakutis said. "This is very different. When the

units get together with all of their equipment, there becomes a lot of moving parts. Our main focus is safety."

She explained that, due to the dangers of working with live ammo, it's crucial for soldiers to be organized and aware of how to safely load the ammunition into

the weapons.

"Safety is paramount," said Capt. Gregg Haley, commander, Company A, TF 2-34 Armor. "Whether you're a driver, an ammo loader, or the tank commander, whoever, ensuring everyone is safe is the most important thing we can do. If we can't load

a round in the gun, we are of no use."

"We stressed safety in every IPR [In-Progress Review] and leader session leading up to the draw," Smith said. "The TF leader's recon and the leaders' terrain walk also started with safety assessment briefs by our safety staff."

"Our staff manned the entire draw site, and throughout the operation provided a continuous assessment of the operation," Smith said.

Smith added, "The bottom line is, we never let up on safety."

"This was not the first time Fort Riley has participants in the RSO&I process," Smith said. "Previously during RSO&I '01, they drew some items, inventoried, unloaded some items at the railhead and then stopped."

"This exercise saw TF 2-34 come into Korea, move to the draw site, pull two APS-4 armor companies, one mechanized infantry company, one field artillery battery, a headquarters

element, and a forward support battalion element, inventoried, perform maintenance TIs, rail-loaded all pieces of equipment to Camp Casey, fired all combat vehicles then rail-loaded the equipment back to Camp Carroll."

At the end of the operation, soldiers and civilians from each unit walked away with something more to place in their personal "working" arsenal - knowledge and experience.

"This is realistic training," said Staff Sgt. Michael Manchur, 6th

Ord. Bn. operations non-commissioned officer-in-charge. "This gives us working knowledge of how each piece of equipment works."

"The better your performance is during training exercises, the better your performance will be during a war," said Staff Sgt. Jonathan Kirkendall, TF 2-34 Armor. "This exercise gives us more training and experience to do our job better."

"You can't put a price on experience," Smith said. "It's theory until you're actually doing it."



19th TSC/Lawry

Task Force soldiers move equipment in Korea. The soldiers are from Fort Riley's 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment and 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, and are part of TF 2-34, an Army rapid deployment unit.

Homeland Security lecture offered

K-State Release

Issues of homeland security will be at the forefront when Ruth A. David, president and CEO of ANSER-Advancing National Strategies and Enabling Results, delivers an address as part of the Eyestone Distinguished Lecture Series, sponsored by the Kansas State University College of Engineering. The event is slated for May 15, 4:30 p.m., in Fiedler Hall Auditorium at Kansas State.

"Our strategic challenge is to secure our nation against unconventional threats-without bankrupting our economy or disrupting our society."

David said. "Sustainable solutions [against terrorism] will be embedded into the fabric of our daily lives and will have benefits that extend beyond the homeland security mission."

David is a member of the President's Homeland Security Advisory Council, originally established to advise the President and now advising the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, and the National Academy of Engineering.

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Rules apply to computer use

By Michael Watson
Staff writer

Standards exist for using a government computer, but users pretty much have to ask, "Will I get in trouble for going to this Web site or sending this e-mail?"

The Directorate of Information Management permits employees to send e-mails or briefly search the Internet at work. However, some computer uses should never be permitted, said Debra Goreham, systems administrator.

"While limited personal use of government resources is permissible, activities that interfere with official duties or adversely reflect DoD or the Army are never permitted," she said.

Employees should never use the Internet to access pornography, unofficial advertising, soliciting or any unlawful activity, according to Department of Defense and Department of the Army mandates.

Specifically, Goreham said the following uses of e-mail are banned: chain letters, distribution of unsolicited e-mail (SPAM) or broadcast of daily quotations and

jokes.

While some offenses are illegal and can result in action from the Uniform Code of Military Justice, DOIM is not the Internet police.

"The end result is that users and their supervisors are the ones who need to police where their



computers are going on the Internet," she said. "If they do not feel comfortable with where they are going or what they are downloading, they should not do it, or they should ask us."

As a general rule, Goreham said programs should be downloaded only if they are necessary for business.

Not only will that keep employees from surfing web sites

they are not supposed to, but it will also keep workstations free of viruses, she said.

DOIM is starting to see more viruses from employees downloading files from the Internet.

"That can be prevented by not going to sites that are not secure," Goreham said. "Some sites, including music download sites, have been blocked, but generally speaking, sites are not blocked, and it is up to an office supervisor to make sure employees are only going to sites for official use."

To assist in investigations of alleged abuse, DOIM can provide detailed listings of visited web sites or copies of e-mail traffic, Goreham said.

She added that DOIM will not check for an individual, but organizations can request information about where computers in their office are going.

"It is then up to the supervisor to decide what to do about the misallocation of government resources," she said.

Questions about safeguarding against viruses and permissible use of computers should be directed to DOIM, 239-3646.

Soldiers must choose retirement pay plan

Soldiers with DEIMS dates after Aug. 1, 1986, who are eligible under current service regulations to serve continuously to 20 years, must choose between the High-3 and the CSB/REDUX retired pay plans between their 14 and a half and 15th year of active duty, although retirement won't occur until the soldier has completed 20 years of service. The 14 and a half to 15 years of active duty is calculated from the soldier's basic active service date (BASD) Not the DEIMS date.

Members who elect CSB/REDUX are entitled to a \$30,000 career status bonus (CSB) payable at their 15th year of active duty. The CSB may be

paid in a lump sum or a series of up to five annual payments. In no case will an election become effective before a member's 15th year of active duty. CSB/REDUX retired pay will always lag behind High-3 retired pay, so wise investment of the CSB by members who elect CSB/REDUX is necessary to lessen or possibly eliminate that gap.

All servicemembers who are between their 14 and a half and 15th year of active duty should contact the Retirement Services Office, building 210, 239-3320, to choose between retired pay plans. For more information, go to www.odc-sper.army.mil/Retirement

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required to undergo a post-deployment health assessment face-to-face with a military health care provider upon redeployment to a demobilization site or home station.

Thirdly, all servicemembers will provide a blood sample no later than 30 days after arrival at a demobilization site or home station, Winkenwerder said. The blood serum samples, he noted, will be stored in the serum repository. They may be used in

the future to assist in medical care of an individual who later becomes ill, or to determine the extent of some deployment-related exposure that is recognized at a later date. The samples could also be used in the future if medical science develops diagnostic capability for exposures that may have occurred during a deployment.

He noted that results of all post-deployment medical health assessments would be placed

within servicemembers' permanent medical records.

DoD, he asserted, has a responsibility "to do right" for America's servicemembers.

"They expose themselves to great risk and harm - they perform bravely and admirably," Winkenwerder pointed out.

"We owe it to them to ensure that they have a comprehensive health assessment before they resume their usual sorts of duties," he concluded.

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